

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, July 21, 2005, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room No. 106, First Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jerry Berggren, Tim Francis, Bruce Helwig and Bob Ripley; (Jim McKee, Carol Walker and Terry Young absent). Ed Zimmer and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department; and other interested citizens.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Chair Bob Ripley called the meeting to order and requested a motion approving the minutes for the regular meeting held June 16, 2005. Motion for approval made by Helwig, seconded by Francis. Motion carried 4-0: Berggren, Francis, Helwig and Ripley voting 'yes'; McKee, Walker and Young absent.

The opportunity was given for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission. No one appeared.

APPLICATION BY LICORICE INTERNATIONAL FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT THE HUBER/PORT HURON BUILDING, 801 Q STREET IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING: July 21, 2005

Members present: Berggren, Francis, Helwig and Ripley; McKee, Walker and Young absent.

Ed Zimmer presented information on the application. They are asking for two small oval signs to be placed on either side of the entrance. This is a very minor effect.

Berggren wondered about the material of the sign. Mr. Zimmer believes they are aluminum panels with vinyl applique, black and gold coloring.

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Berggren moved approval, seconded by Francis.

Ripley wishes buildings in the Haymarket would come in with a more comprehensive sign package. He would rather approve this with the proviso that if they come back for another

sign, these signs need to be reviewed again.

Mr. Zimmer believes that the Commission can require a sign be taken down if the applicant comes back with an application for an additional sign. The Commissioners reviewed the signs already approved for the other tenant of the building, From Nebraska.

Motion for approval carried 4-0: Berggren, Francis, Helwig and Ripley voting 'yes'; McKee, Walker and Young absent.

APPLICATION BY 8TH STREET IRONWORKS FOR A SIDEWALK CAFÉ AT 301 N. 8TH STREET, IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING:

July 21, 2005

Members present: Berggren, Francis, Helwig and Ripley; McKee, Walker and Young absent.

Jason Ables appeared to present the application for a sidewalk café railing. He informally presented the application last month, this is the formal application.

Ripley inquired if Public Works had done an inspection. Mr. Ables replied that he has had all necessary inspections.

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Berggren moved approval, seconded by Francis.

Helwig wondered about the flaking of the brick. Mr. Ables replied that there is a stucco band around the building that will be approximately the height of the chairs. The chairs will not be seated right against the building.

Motion for approval carried 4-0: Berggren, Francis, Helwig and Ripley voting 'yes'; McKee, Walker and Young absent.

Mr. Ables stated he would like to do something to the front of the building. There is glass block and a door. He would like to get the Commissions opinion on what he can do to help the appearance of the building. He was looking at 3 foot tall sconces, made of metal. It would cover the glass block.

Francis wondered if it would be somewhat industrial looking. Mr. Ables was thinking along that line. It wouldn't be anything structural. Mr. Zimmer will do some background work on precedent.

**APPLICATION BY JOHN C. BALL FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS OR
WORK AT THE PROFESSOR CANDY HOUSE, A DESIGNATED LANDMARK AT 1003
H STREET**

PUBLIC HEARING:

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Members present: Berggren, Francis, Helwig and Ripley; McKee, Walker and Young absent.

Brandon Panasuik appeared to present the application. The sign drawings were given to the Commissioners in the agenda. They are proposing a ground sign and a sign on the new fence.

Mr. Zimmer stated that in a house of this character, he prefers the signs be off the house.

Ripley wondered about the locations of the signs. Mr. Panasuik replied that the signs will be just above the fence.

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Francis moved approval of the sign with the lighting design to be determined, seconded by Helwig.

Berggren questioned if the fence is on the property line. Mr. Panasuik replied that the fence is on their property. The fence is set back about 3 feet from the sidewalk. With the 2 large trees, there is no other feasible location for the sign.

Mr. Panasuik noted that they would like a light on either side of the sign. Helwig expressed a concern about light pollution. Ripley wondered about down lighting the sign. Berggren noted that to get the light diffused across the sign, the planter would have to be bigger.

Jack Thompson from Nebraska Sign Co. stated that they would like to do a multi-layered crown moulding piece that attaches to the top that will draw to the moulding on the windows. In his experience, gooseneck lighting needs a significant piece of hardware for mounting. He believes it would detract from the sign.

Ripley noted there are exterior fixtures that are smaller. He will get some information to Mr. Zimmer that he can pass along to the applicant.

Berggren thinks the sign is well worth approving. He would like to see some more information on the lighting. The other Commissioners agreed.

Motion for approval carried 4-0: Berggren, Francis, Helwig and Ripley voting 'yes'; McKee, Walker and Young absent.

Mr. Zimmer noted for informational purposes, the applicant is also going forward with plans to enhance the landscape.

**REVIEW OF NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES OF
PHI KAPPA TAU FRATERNITY HOUSE AT NEBRASKA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY,
5305 HUNTINGTON AVENUE**

PUBLIC HEARING:

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Members present: Berggren, Francis, Helwig and Ripley; McKee, Walker and Young absent.

Lance Hall appeared to present the application. He is on the Board of Governors for Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity. The building has been in its present location since the 1920's. The structure is still quite good. There was an addition made in the early 1970's. It has been his passion to continue to maintain the integrity of the building. He has kept a watchful eye on any proposed modifications of the building. Because the building is aging, the Board would like to obtain National Register status for fundraising purposes to help maintain the building.

Mr. Zimmer feels that this is the only one of the houses at Wesleyan that is eligible. This has a major addition, but it is very much in character with the house.

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Motion for approval made by Francis, seconded by Helwig. Motion carried 4-0: Berggren, Francis, Helwig and Ripley voting 'yes'; McKee, Walker and Young absent.

**LANDSCAPE PLAN FOR NORTH 7th STREET, NORTH OF Q ST./HAYMARKET
DISTRICT**

PUBLIC HEARING:

July 21, 2005

Members present: Berggren, Francis, Helwig and Ripley; McKee, Walker and Young absent.

Mr. Zimmer thought the landscape architect from Sinclair Hille would be at the meeting today. They had discussed some planting on the island.

Ripley would like to see the parking removed and green space reinstated.

Mr. Zimmer stated there may be some shifts to the landscape plan. There was discussion of using elements of the old Humane Society fountain which sat on the 1800 block of "M" St. He thought that pieces of the fountain may have survived. They went to look for the pieces and found the whole thing. He believes there is already water to the island. This may shift the whole landscape scheme. A couple of the old fountains have been found. He believes one

in Omaha and possibly one in Milford.

OTHER

Miscellaneous/staff report:

- Mr. Zimmer is working with Public Works on the Harris Overpass replacement. There will be some impacts. He is doing a review for the nearby buildings that might be affected. The canopy on the depot is an eligible feature for landmark. There is a big open shed on the lumberyard which appears to be from 1907, after initial research. His inclination would be to call the office and shed eligible.

Ripley wondered about the power plant. Mr. Zimmer is sure the building has been taken down.

- Mr. Zimmer hopes to have the Havelock Avenue Landmark District in front of the Commission next month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.